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April 3, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau


Re: Expression of Interest  
Rural Broadband Experiments for High-Cost Areas  
Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("Choctaws") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable broadband to unserved and underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> The Choctaws propose to provide broadband service to specific rural high-cost locations in Neshoba County, Mississippi, identified as Census Tracts 28099010100, 28099010200, 28099010600, 28099010700, and 28099940100. Based on the FCC Public Notice, DA 14-154 report dated February 5, 2014, for price cap areas, the proposed project is estimated to provide broadband access to a total of 3,282 high-cost locations once completed, with 90 eligible locations considered to be extremely high-cost locations. Much, if not all, of the subject area is considered to be Tribal Land. The Choctaws request a one-time support of at least \$3,000,000.00 from the Connect America Fund for the purpose of this project.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians appreciates the opportunity to provide this Expression of Interest.

Sincerely,

  
Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

<sup>1</sup> See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014) (*Technology Transitions Order*).

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